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SUBJECT: PERON REMAINS MOVED TO PUBLIC CEMETARY

1. THE REMAINS OF FORMER PRESIDENT PERON WERE REMOVED FROM A CRYPT IN THE PRESIDENTIAL QUINTA AT OLIVOS TO A FAMILY TOMB IN CHACARITA PUBLIC CEMETARY IN BUENOS AIRES DECEMBER 19. THE LONG-ANTICIPATED BUT UNANNOUNCED TRANSFER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY INTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS APPARENTLY LITTLE PUBLIC INTEREST SHOWN EITHER ALONG THE ROUTE OR AT THE CEMETERY. THE REMAINS OF EVA DUARTE PERON HAD ALREADY BEEN QUIETLY MOVED FROM THE QUINTA CRYPT TO HER FAMILY'S BURIAL TOMB IN RECOLETA CEMETERY SOME MONTHS EARLIER.

2. THE BA HERALD TODAY (DECEMBER 20) NOTED THE CONSPICUOUS LACK OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN YESTERDAY'S MOVE WHICH IT CONTRASTED WITH THE MASS DEMONSTRATIONS AND HYSTERICAL MOURNING OCCASIONED BY THE FUNERALS OF THE TWO PERONS IN THE PAST. PRAISING THE GOVERNMENT'S MASTERLY AND LOW-KEY HANDLING OF THE PERON TRANSFER, THE EDITORIAL DECLARED THAT THE MORAL DEMONSTRATED WAS THAT "ONCE THE FACTS ARE EXPOSED TO THE LIGHT OF DAY, THE GHOSTS SIDLE INTO THE SHADOWS." HAD PERON'S BODY BEEN MYSTERIOUSLY SPIRITED AWAY, HE WOULD HAVE BECOME A MARTYR, SAID THE EDITORIAL. AS IT WAS, NOBODY BOTHERED TO GO TO HIS SECOND FUNERAL.

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